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Chairman's Message

There are those who have said over recent years that racing has been losing its popularity, that the public has not now the interest in it which it once had and that the glamour has gone to a great extent from the sport of kings.

I think that many people have been prone to accept these comments on their face value as they do with so many others of similar nature, but I also think that the predicting pessimists are wrong; very wrong.

Take any sport and throughout its history you will find that it has had its ups and downs. Cricket for instance; in the doldrums in comparison to its past glories some short time ago according to some, today is enjoying a popularity probably greater than ever before.

Rises and falls in the popularity of a sport are perfectly natural. They are affected by many things, such as the appeal of the reigning stars, economic fluctuations, social conditions and a whole complex of factors which we cannot readily isolate.

Yet we always have with us the pessimists who hail what is simply a temporary trend and a variation in a natural rhythm as a permanent and irrevocable condition.

As far as racing is concerned I do not know whether it has suffered a downward trend over the last few years or not. I do not have the relevant statistics on attendances, betting, tote investments etc. which would show such a trend. But I do not think it would matter very much if I had for I do know that the sport has never been able to look forward to a brighter future.

Fresh from a tremendously popular and successful season in Melbourne, highlighted by the richest Melbourne Cup ever — and also the richest race in Australia's history—the sport now has a Sydney newspaper joining with the A.J.C. in promoting an autumn carnival which will be a real event in the racing calendar. Included in it will be the time-honoured autumn classics but with bigger prize money than ever before and carrying the prestige to attract the champion horses from our own continent and New Zealand.

Again, we have the S.T.C. now almost ready to open Rosehill with tremendously improved public facilities and the A.J.C. formulating plans to improve its courses, too.

Surely these progressive moves are not indicative of a failing in popularity. Rather are they the heralds of an even more glamorous era in a sport with which our Club has been so closely connected since its genesis.

John Hickey



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CLUB NEWS & VIEWS



CHAIRMAN'S PROGRESS

We are sorry indeed to have to report that at the time we went to press our Chairman, John Hickey, was still in hospital. Although he was not seeing visitors at that time, he was progressing favourably, and had hopes of returning to circulation in the not too far distant future.

All members are very sorry to hear of your illness, Mr. Chairman, and through these pages would like to pass on to you the fact that you are sadly missed in the Club. With them your committee joins in hoping that you will make a speedy recovery, and that you will be back amongst us very soon.

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ALF COLLINS OFF COLOUR

We were sorry to see that Alf Collins was somewhat off-colour last month, and was not around and about the Club quite as much as he usually is. Alf's illness was fortunately not of a serious nature, and though he missed one or two day's racing as a result of it, was able to see the West Indian—Australian Tests.

Sorry indeed to hear that you are not feeling the best Alf, but your host of Club friends hope that by the time this paragraph sees the light of day you will be one hundred per cent fit once more.

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DAN CALMAN IN NEW ZEALAND

Off to New Zealand last month went ex-C.I.B. Chief, Dan Calman. He left our shores with high hopes to attend the New Zealand yearling sales. Dan had set his heart on a filly, and though we were unable to find out if he had any particular one in mind, he seemed to be confident about his projected purchase.

Good luck, Dan. We hope that by the time this paragraph is in print you will already be in possession of a future champ.

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JOHN DAVOREN RECOVERS

It was very nice to see well-known legal man John Davron around and about the Club late last month. As many members know, John suffered an illness recently, and had the misfortune to spend Christmas in bed.

Your friends are very pleased to see you have made such an excellent recovery, John, and hope to see you around and about as much as usual.

SECRETARY BACK FROM HOLIDAYS

Most regulars will have noticed our executive officer, Lyal Binns, around the Club looking bronzed and healthy and even fitter than is his usual wont. The reason of course is that Lyal has only recently returned from a very enjoyable two weeks' vacation on the North Coast. With his very charming wife, Carmel, and their son, they spent their holiday in a motel, and found plenty of time for relaxation.

All members are pleased indeed to see you back again Lyal, and are glad to know you enjoyed your well-earned annual rest.

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BILL MACKIE OFF OVERSEAS

Last month saw the departure of Bill Mackie from our shores for an overseas trip. Bill was headed for the U.S. on a business trip, and although we did not get his full itinerary before he left, we understood his tour is to be a fairly extensive one.

Good luck and a happy trip, Bill. Members hope to hear more about your journey through these pages when you return.

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CLAUDE PARKER'S NEW SPELLING PADDOCKS

Well-known Club identity Claude Parker, we heard last month, has now occupied his new property, and is settling down nicely. These are in the form of spelling paddocks, and his place is known as "Killarney Lakes," and is at Windsor. Claude's home is a most picturesque one and was built in the earliest days on Windsor's establishment. In fact, it is closely entwined with the history of the district, and also appropriately enough, with the early days of racing, for one of the horse stalls still standing on the property once housed that most famous of all early gallopers, The Barb.

Claude is really delighted with his new venture, and tells us that he would be delighted to have any members who might be driving out that way pop in to pay him a visit.

Congratulations on your new property, Claude. We feel sure that many members will take advantage of your kind invitation, particularly those connected with racing, as it will be of great interest to see the one-time home of one of Australia's most famous horses.

ALLAN MORRISBY VISITS N.Z. SALES

Well-known owner Allan Morrisby was one of the contingent who made the annual pilgrimage to New Zealand for the yearling sales last month. Our information is that Allan didn't have anything in particular in mind but, like many other intending purchasers, left our shores with high hopes for the future. When we went to press we had no information on just what his selection was, but here's hoping he picked up another as good as his present champion, Gemstone.

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BUDDING OLYMPIAN—JOHN PICK, JNR.

There was at least one very proud father in the Club last month, and that was well-known member Jack Pick. He had every reason to feel the way he did, for his son John Pick, Jnr., had just won the under 14 years 110 yards State swimming title. His time was a most impressive 64.2.

Swim wins are no novelty to young John however, for he has been demonstrating a remarkable ability in the sport from the time he was a tot. From the age of six he has been unbeaten in his age groups at Scots College, the school which he attends. He has also been undefeated from this age in the All Schools' Championships. On top of this, he is presently the holder of the Bondi Baths' title and Eastern Suburbs title, and once again has been undefeated through all ages in these divisions.

Well, if that isn't a remarkably impressive record for a lad, we've yet to find one. On top of his recent 110 yards win he also came third in the N.S.W. 440 yards event in the under 14 section and, as he only turns 14 on the 17th March next, he is giving what amounts to a year in age away to most of his rivals.

It looks as though Jack Dexter and his boys will have a competitor up on the Third in a few years time who will make competition pretty tough for the Tattersall's Swimming Club.

Incidentally, John's Godfather is well-known member Joe Harris.

Hearty congratulations John, Jnr., and congratulations to you Jack on your son's prowess.

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VETERANS' GET-TOGETHER

Sighted drinking together on the First Floor were three of racing's real veterans. They were Dick Deveridge, Jack Allen and Gus Widmer, three of Sydney's best known bookmakers whose names have been household words to punters over many, many years. Jack Allen and Gus have now retired, but Dick holds the oldest licence of any bookmaker operating in the paddock at Randwick.

We'll bet such a trio could tell some tales of the sport which they have graced for so long.



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BOB BEATTY IN SYDNEY

It was a pleasure to see Bob Beatty around the Club late last month. Bob was down on a visit from his home town, Gundagai, where he has a property. Although his main interest in the metropolis was the wool sales, he took time off to mix business with pleasure after they were over, and managed to get in two pleasant day's racing over the Anniversary week-end at Randwick.

As many members know, Bob is a prominent figure in the Gundagai racing club, being a past president and currently vice-president of that organisation. While in Sydney, Bob stayed at Tattersall's most of the time, but spent a couple of days with his daughter, Jennifer Wilton, at their Point Piper home. Bob said his invitation was for a longer stay, but as Jennifer has only been married for five months, he decided that under the circumstances a two day visit was plenty.

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JOHN AND MRS. FITZ RETURN FROM OVERSEAS

John T. Fitz and Mrs. Fitz returned to Sydney last month after an eight months world trip. Their travels took them by car through the British Isles and also through Europe from Norway to Italy. Also by car they returned through France to London. They then crossed the Atlantic aboard the Queen Elizabeth to America, where their first port of call was New York. After some time spent in this great metropolis they travelled by Greyhound bus across the continent to San Francisco, which type of travel gave them an excellent opportunity of seeing the country at close quarters. From San Francisco they travelled in the Iberia to Honolulu and also the East.

John said one of the highlights of the trip that impressed him the most was the Passion Plays at Oberammergau (one of the particular points of interest mentioned by committeeman Les Tidmarsh in his report on his recent overseas trip). Two other features of the trip that were most impressive said John, were the Mozart Festival in Salzburg, and the Papal Audience.

While away, John also saw the Olympic Games, and said this was a real thrill.

He called at two of our associated Clubs while in America, the New York Athletic and the Los Angeles Club. An interesting point about the latter with which he was impressed was that it includes women members and actually had ten of these in the last Olympic Games teams. He said that both Clubs were most impressive and very well set up.

"SNOW" LACHAL NOW SETTLED IN MELBOURNE

Word has filtered up from the south that member "Snow" Lachal has now settled happily into his new post as Secretary of the V.R.C. "Snow" of course was Secretary of the S.T.C. until recent months, when he resigned to take up his present position and return to his old home state, Victoria. We also understand that "Snow" has settled into his new home down there and no doubt is renewing many old acquaintances.

Good luck from your friends in the north, "Snow". We hope it won't be long before your duties allow you to make a trip to our city, and visit the Club in which you made so many friends, and where you were once a most consistent "regular".

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BILL GODBY GRANTED AMERICAN TRAINING LICENCE

The excellent news came through late last month that popular member Bill Godby had been granted his licence in the United States. Bill, as most members know, is both owner and trainer of that famous mare Wiggle, who captured the imagination of the Australian racing public before Bill took her overseas. She is now in America of course, where she went, as so many Australian horses do, with a fine reputation and a string of spectacular wins to her credit.

Bill will now be able to train Wiggle, and though word has gotten around that he will be returning to our shores shortly, his being granted his training licence overseas would seem to contradict this rumour.

Be that as it may, all your friends in the Club wish you every success for the future with Wiggle, Bill, and hope that if they don't see you, you will make up for your absence by providing some good news of her wins.

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HARRY PLANT MISSES N.Z. YEARLING SALES

To those who have known Harry Plant over the years, it was an unusual sight to see him in Tattersall's around about New Zealand yearling sales' time, for he has been a regular attendee over the many years of his well-known association with racing. Unfortunately, Harry has not been in the very best of health over recent months, and reluctantly decided to give the New Zealand trip a miss this go round.

All your Club friends are sorry indeed to hear that you had to miss out on the annual pilgrimage, Harry, and sincerely hope that your health improves quickly in the future, and that you'll be ready to take off this time next year.



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FROM RICHES TO RAGS

You can always depend on Luke Hughes, long time club member and duck shooter extraordinary for a good story, and one he told us the other day, we think bears repeating.

The locale was Wellington, New Zealand, and Luke, together with several of his friends, including some prominent racing men from Australia, were chatting together in the foyer of a hotel. Not far off stood a somewhat dishevelled character of unprepossessing appearance. Luke knowing full well what he was about told his companions that he knew the man, that he was down on his luck and that it might be a nice gesture if all kicked in a few shillings and passed it on to the character in question. This they did, and in a round robin gathered together a pound note. There were fireworks however, when one of the group went over to hand it to him, for as Luke knew only too well, the character in question was none other than Tom McCarthy, near millionaire and leather and boot king in New Zealand whose eccentricity was that he cared little how he dressed.

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PAT PORTER OFF OVERSEAS

Well-known owner and Club regular Pat Porter is due for an overseas trip in the very near future. Amongst many others Pat owns well-known race horses Irish Folly and Beau Tirage, and no doubt hopes that either one of these, or another of his string will chalk up a win while he's away to help pay for his journey.

Good luck, Pat. Members hope that you have an enjoyable and profitable overseas tour.

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THE GREAT DAY

March 11th is scheduled as "The Great Day" this year. Watch these columns in future for further details.

FIRST FLOOR IMPROVEMENTS

We got news last month which should be official by the time this paragraph is in print to the effect that we are getting a "new look" in the First Floor Bar.

The innovation is in the form of complete wall-to-wall carpeting right throughout this section of the Club. This should be a very welcome improvement, for, apart from the general comfort of carpet underfoot, it should tend to dampen the noise down somewhat. Your committee has thoroughly investigated the possibility of wear and so on, and have found that, contrary to what most people think, carpets under similar circumstances have a long life, and can be kept clean and unmarked with reasonable care.

We understand that the design chosen is predominantly grey and is most attractive.

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TOM FARRAR ON HOLIDAYS

Tom Farrar (whose name has so many times been maltreated in the columns of this publication) has set off for his usual annual holidays. Tom has taken Mrs. Farrar and family, and has headed for Terrigal where he plans on a period of rest and relaxation.

Have a good time, Tom. Your presence will be very much missed on the First Floor while you're gone.

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KEITH DUNBIER IN HOSPITAL

We are sorry indeed to have to report that Club visitor and well-known racing identity Keith Dunbier fell ill last month and was admitted to hospital. Keith is in Warwick Hospital in Marrickville.

All members are very sorry to hear of to hear of your illness, Keith, trust that it isn't serious, and sincerely hope to see you up and around in the very near future.

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Man of the Month

LES HOOKER

Of the many colourful personalities in big business in our city, no name has captured the public imagination more than that of Les Hooker. Real estate tycoon who has latterly branched out into many other fields, Les is almost a classic example of a man who came from humble beginnings, overcame adversity, and became a captain of commerce at a comparatively early age. Now, when a Hooker deal goes through, it invariably involves millions, and demonstrates an almost unique commercial courage and breadth of vision, yet 30 years ago, and at the age of 22, Les had just gone broke in his first real estate business, and had literally nothing but his optimism and confidence and an ability to work almost the clock round.

Les Hooker was born in this city in the suburb of Canterbury 56 years ago.

His early boyhood was by no means an easy one, for he was orphaned at the age of eight, and thereafter lived with relatives. His education was cut short when, at the age of 13, he left Canterbury Public School when he was only in the sixth class. Circumstances decreed that young Les would have to go to work and earn his keep, and so he took his first job as an office and errand boy with the Japanese firm of Mitsui.

Here he worked diligently and well, but office life made him restless and, after a short while, he left and went to sea. His late youth saw him working as assistant purser on a trading ship which plied between Sydney and the Islands.

It was not until 1926, however, and when he was 22 years of age, that he turned to real estate. At that time he went into partnership with a contemporary, and together they opened an office at 18 Martin Place. Their business was a combined real estate and home-building one. Les looked after the real estate end of it, while his partner took care of the home-building.

However, things did not go well for the young and promising firm and, after only a few months' operation, they went broke. It was not a limited company, so Les was left with no tangible assets.

Disappointed, but still with plenty of optimism and confidence, Les borrowed £100 from a friend and decided to set up business in what was then the outlying suburb of Maroubra. Here young couples were establishing homes on very modest incomes, and Les felt that opportunity offered.

He was right, but his path was by no means to be an easy one. As he puts it, "I had the depression around my neck." To save housekeeping and rent bills, Les slept in his Maroubra office, and ate his meals at the local cafe across the street. He did his own office cleaning, put up his own signboards, and became "a one-man business" in the real sense of the word.

It was here that Les developed the now famous red and yellow L. J. Hooker sign.

Les's confidence, hard work and ability paid off, for, despite the adverse economic conditions which he encountered, he made an early modest success and, after only two years, was back at his old address in 18 Martin Place—the same one which is on the L. J. Hooker stationery today.



Here he began to go ahead in leaps and bounds. He gathered around him a team of progressive real estate men, and very soon the L. J. Hooker business was humming.

Just as the business was ready to grow into full adulthood, however, war intervened, and this presented another setback. To Les it was only an interruption, however, and, as soon as hostilities were over, he quickly got back into stride with his returned staff, and began to build in earnest.

Soon after he had Rex Investments going, and through this firm demonstrated his foresight and business acumen by dealing in hotels.

When the Liquor Act was amended in 1946 allowing the transfer of licences, Rex Investments bought those from run-down old houses in the inner suburbs and transferred them to attractive new buildings which he'd built in the fast-developing outer suburbs.

One which is typical of many was the transfer from an unprofitable and derelict hotel in the industrial suburb of Redfern to Cammeray. Here the hotel was located on a key highway site, and provided the amenities and pleasant surroundings which we have now come to associate with the more glamorous hotels in the community.

Today Les feels that he has achieved his success through hard work, *plus* opportunity, *plus* the people he has selected to work with him. In real estate, he says, you deal with a basic commodity. He modestly over-simplifies the issue by stating that you don't have to be clever to sell it. "All you have to do is buy it and sit on it for ten years."

This may be perfectly true, but the point is you have to have an ingrained instinct for development if you wish to be another Les Hooker and know just where and what to buy.

Now Les sits at the head of a commercial empire, of which the real estate section alone has a sales turnover of £50 million. This represents a rise of 150% on its previous year's figures.

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It is suggested therefore that you give this matter of your subscription urgent attention.

Tracks are faster and better but record times take toppling

by A. B. GRAY

One more year has passed without alteration to the list of record times for Randwick and two changes only in the Australian tabulation. The best horses are tops in performance but not equal to breaking existing record times. However, experience over the years has shown that too much notice should NOT be taken of time records. Racetracks in the 12 months just closed had quite a lot of rain which wouldn't help to reduce times.

In and during the past decade more than half the record times from 4½ furlongs to close on 2½ miles — flat races are not now run at or beyond the latter distance — were changed which indicates horses have improved in speed assisted by vastly improved galloping grounds.

Down the years from the day Trenton, a famous Australian racehorse and sire, made the 2½ miles record (4.39½) at Flemington during the 1885 Melbourne Cup carnival, there have been many alterations to the tabulation of fastest times for the Commonwealth but Trenton's figures, as well as Trafalgar's 5.22½ for three miles at Randwick, in April, 1911, will remain unchallenged unless clubs again stage races over those distances, which seems extremely unlikely, and racegoers don't want to see them anyway. It is strange authorities retain these distances in the printed lists in

racebooks because under existing conditions they cannot be altered. Those long distance events — mostly fiascos — were eliminated for sound reasoning.

The two alterations to the record list for all States in 1960 were Proponder's five and a half furlongs in 1.2-4/5s at Caulfield in March, and Coronation Belle's five furlongs in 57-7/10s at Adelaide in November.

There were no changes to the list during 1959 and one only in 1958.

For 20 years Australia's best for six furlongs, 1.8½s has stood the test of time. It was made by a noted sprinter of the period, Aurie's Star, at Flemington where he beat the best under big weights, and in his record-breaking gallop there in September, 1949, he carried 10.2. It might be added he was an aged gelding at the time. He is one of two aged horses figuring in the Australian

tabulation, the other being Livorno who shares the mile and a quarter (2.1-3/5s) with Empire Link.

Sydney turf folk have wondered with so many hundreds of races run at seven furlongs that Freckles still is record holder for that distance. He was an ordinary sprinter but must have galloped like a machine at Randwick in November, 1942, to have covered seven in 1.22.

It is interesting to note that Australia's mile record, which for a period of 17 years stood at 1.40, has been frequently cut by seconds and later by fractions of seconds to the present best, 1.34½s, which the grey, Silver Phantom ran at Randwick in October, 1953. He has held to it for seven years though many horses have reached to within a fraction of his brilliant performance in the A.J.C.

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Fastest times in the Commonwealth

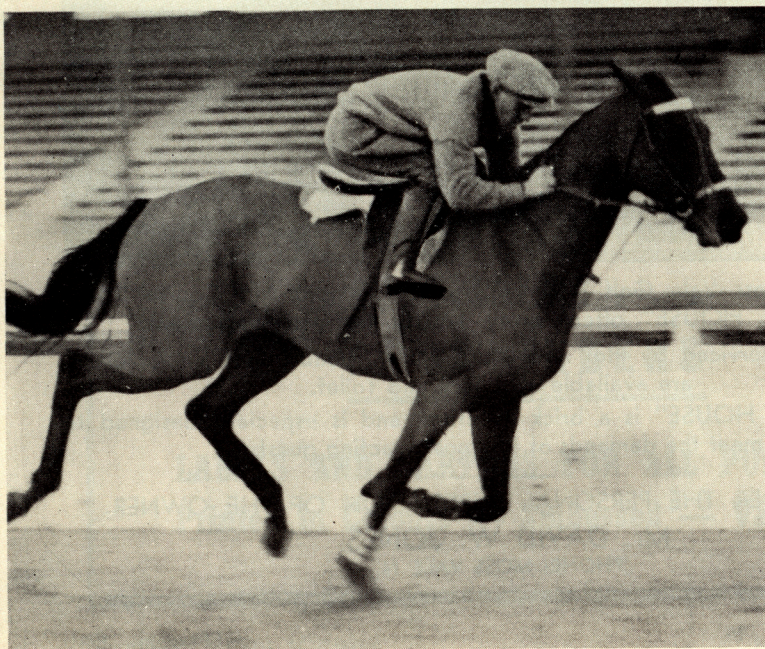
DISTANCE	TIME	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	LOCALITY	DATE
	m. s.		yrs.			
4½ furlongs ..	0 53½	Adored	2	8 0	Caulfield (Vic.) ..	October, 1933
5 furlongs ..	0 57	Coronation Belle ..	3	8 1	Chelt. Pk. (S.A.) ..	Nov., 1960
5½ furlongs ..	1 2	Proponder	6	8 4	Caulfield (Vic.) ..	March, 1960
6 furlongs ..	1 8½	Aurie's Star .. .	a	10 2	Flemington (Vic.) ..	Sept., 1940
7 furlongs ..	1 22	Freckles	6	8 4	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	Nov., 1942
1 mile .. .	1 34½	Silver Phantom ..	4	7 10	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	October, 1953
9 furlongs ..	1 49	Advocate	a	9 4	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	Sept., 1956
1¼ miles .. .	2 1	Livorno	a	8 2	Caulfield (Vic.) ..	Dec., 1957
		Empire Link .. .	4	8 6	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	Sept., 1956
11 furlongs ..	2 15	Baystone	5	8 1	Eagle Farm (Qld.) ..	May, 1958
1½ miles .. .	2 26	Tulloch	3	7 8	Caulfield (Vic.) ..	October, 1957
13 furlongs ..	2 41½	Dashing Cavalier ..	5	9 0	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	October, 1941
		Main Topic .. .	4	8 13	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	October, 1943
1¾ miles .. .	2 55	Young Crusader ..	6	8 4	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	October, 1938
2 miles .. .	3 19½	Comic Court .. .	5	9 5	Flemington (Vic.) ..	Nov., 1950
		Evening Peal .. .	4	8 0	Flemington (Vic.) ..	Nov., 1956
2¼ miles .. .	3 47½	Marauder	5	7 4	Flemington (Vic.) ..	March, 1938
13 furlongs ..	4 39½	Trenton	4	9 0	Flemington (Vic.) ..	Nov., 1885
3 miles .. .	5 22½	Trafalgar	5	9 5	Randwick (N.S.W.) ..	April, 1911



TULLOCH—1½ Mile Record

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AURIE'S STAR—6 Furlongs Record



*EVENING PEAL—2 Mile Joint Record with
Comic Court*

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SILVER PHANTOM—1 Mile Record



Bruce Cameron Wins Point Score

"WITH NEAR PERFECT TALLY"

To Bruce Cameron went the month's honours in the swimming pool when he clearly won the month's point score with a tally only two short of the possible. This was a very fine effort, and Bruce is to be heartily congratulated. Other interesting news from the pool was that John Devitt is to be married to Wendy Hogan on the 18th February, and John's many admirers and friends wish him and Wendy all possible happiness.

Unfortunately, the swimming club will be without the services of popular swimming committeeman Jack Dexter. He leaves shortly for the Australian swimming championships in Brisbane with members Bill Phillips and John Morrison, A.S.U. executives. After seeing the championships, Jack will be staying on in Surfer's Paradise for a couple of weeks.

Bruce Cameron had it all tied up when the field lined up for the final race of the series and it was made a certainty when his closest rival, Harry Bate, and his partner, Fred Harvie, were outed because the latter anticipated the start.

Cameron's tally of three firsts and a third in finals in four races certainly takes beating.

New members Russell Whitmont, Barry Egan and Gordon Rogers were welcome additions to the Swimming Club ranks. Egan and Rogers were a wee bit "toey" in their early races and were judged to have gone before their times, but they'll learn and will do well.

Strangely enough, it was a bad month for the boys going before their handicap times, for, in addition to Egan and Rogers, Jack Kay and Fred Harvie earned the frowns of the Check Starter.

It was good to see David Cathels back in action. First up, he teamed with Bill Mackenzie in winning a heat of a Brace Relay Handicap.

A noteworthy item was Clive Gorland's first win in a final when he took out a Brace Relay with Sid Sernack as partner. Next aim for Clive is to win an individual race.

The current monthly Point Score tussle is a most interesting one, with Arthur McCamley and Simon Voet just leading, with a race to go, by one point from John Dexter, who gained one on his rivals by notching a win in a 40 yards race, whereas the other two could do no better than second in their finals.

John was helped a bit when the race favourite, Ken Williams, stayed on the board overlong at the start.

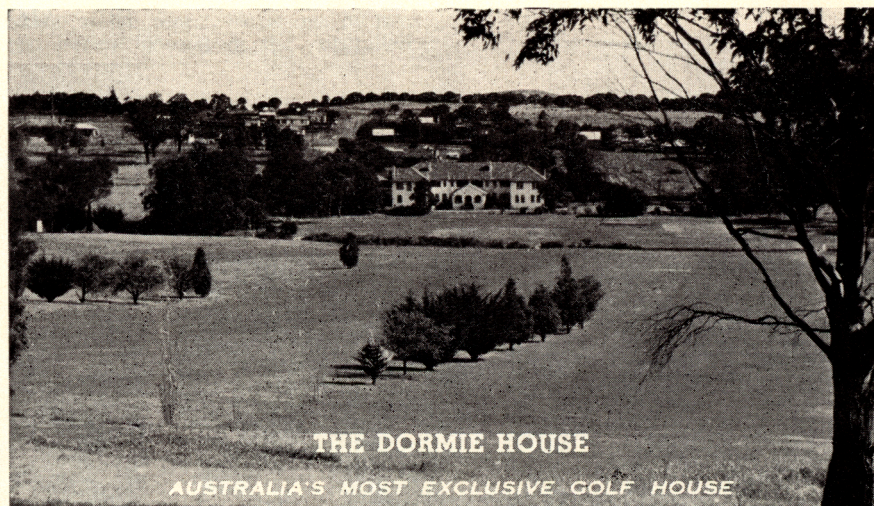
Both McCamley and Voet have had good runs during the month, both taking a first and two seconds in finals. Alas, Arthur has lost the extra second the handicapper gave him and, despite the good form he struck whilst on holidays at Tea Gardens, the going is likely to be tough from now on.

In the battle for Bill Kirwan's "Native Son" trophies for all points scored during the season, positions have changed and Harold Herman's absence has relegated him to third place behind Sid Kay, who has a nice lead of $9\frac{1}{2}$ points over Harry Bate. Herman is only half a point astern with great trier Norm Rogers only two and a half away, one ahead of improving Bruce Cameron, who lost a second off his handicap in his last race.

It's becoming mighty hard to win a Brace Relay these days. In the two

held last month Simon Voet and Ralph Corrick beat their time by 2.9 seconds, Bruce Chiene and Arthur McCamley dittoed that and Clive Gorland and Sid Sernack lopped 2.2 seconds off their handicap.

Norm Rogers has been in rare form, always swims to his handicap and in two wins swam 20.2 and 20.8 secs., those being the best winning times of the month, with next best thing 21.1 by Bob Harris, 21.8 by Keith Longworth and 22.1 by John Dexter.



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Handicapper Clive Hoole is back on the job again after a month or so at Surfers' Paradise so, boys, you'll all know where to go for that cherished extra second.

By the time these notes appear in print world champion sprinter John Devitt, one of the most popular swimmers in our Club, will have been married.

He was due to the mark with Wendy Hogan on 18th February and all pool habitués and his multitude of friends in the club offer their best wishes to the happy couple on this day of days.

Off to the Australian Swimming Championships in Brisbane in the middle of February go Swimming Club Secretary Jack Dexter and member Bill Phillips, Secretary of the Australian Swimming Union and Vice-President of the World Federation. Jack will spend a couple of weeks at Surfers' Paradise at the end of the championships and will not return until the second week in March.

Another off to Brisbane was John Morison, President of the A.S.U., recently elected a member of Tattersall's Club, who returned from a world tour following the Rome Olympics, late in January.

RESULTS

10th January: 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: S. Voet and R. Corrick (55) 1, S. Kay and J. Devitt (45) 2, M. Ser-

nack and B. Cameron (57) 3. Time, 52.1 secs.

17th January, 40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—H. Bate (31) 1, J. O. Dexter (22) 2, K. Longworth (22) 3. Time, 30.4 secs. 2nd Division Final—N. Rogers (21) 1, C. Bowes (24) 2, J. Comans (26) 3. Time 20.2 secs. 3rd Division Final—S. Voet (26) 1, A. McCamley (32) 2, G. Boulton (26) 3. Time, 24.8 secs.

24th January, 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: 1st Division Final—C. Gorland and S. Sernack (48) 1, S. Voet and J. Comans (51) 2, N. Rogers and J. O. Dexter (43) 3. Time, 45.8 secs. 2nd Division Final—B. Chiene and A. McCamley (58) 1, J. Devitt and H. Bate (49) 2, B. Cameron and C. Bowes (56) 3. Times, 55.1 secs.

31st January, 40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—A. McLelland (30) 1, S. Voet (25) 2, R. Harris (21) 3. Time 29.3 secs. 2nd Division Final—J. O. Dexter (22) 1, S. Kay (27) 2, K. Williams (25) 3. Time 22.1 secs. 3rd Division Final—B. Cameron (32) 1, A. McCamley (32) 2, M. Sernack (25) 3. Time, 30.4 secs.

DECEMBER-JANUARY POINT SCORE

This series resulted: B. Cameron (30 points) 1, S. Kaye (24) 2, H. Bate (22½)

3, C. L. Bear (20) 4, T. Hellmrich and S. Voet (18½) 5, J. Devitt and J. Kay (18) 7, A. Ball (16½) 9, C. Gorland (15½) 10, P. Lindsay and M. Sernack (15) 11, J. Comans, S. Heaton and N. Rogers (14) 13.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY POINT SCORE

With one event to complete it, the leaders in this series were: A. McCamley and S. Voet (22 points), J. O. Dexter (21), J. Comans and N. Rogers (17), C. Bowes (16), H. Bate and S. Sernack (15), K. Williams and B. Cameron (14), M. Sernack and S. Kay (13) K. Longworth, B. Chiene and R. Corrick (12), T. Hellmrich (11½).

"NATIVE SON" POINT SCORE

The leaders in this series for all points scored during the season were, at 2nd February: S. Kay (80 points), H. Bate (70½), H. Herman (70), N. Rogers (67½), B. Cameron (66½), J. O. Dexter (63½), C. L. Bear (63), J. Comans (60½), K. Longworth (59½), S. Murray (57½), J. Kay (57), T. Hellmrich (55), C. Bowes (52½), M. Sernack (52), J. Devitt and S. Heaton (50½), A. McLelland (50), A. McCamley (48), S. Sernack (47), D. Morrissey (46), S. Voet and D. Emanuel (45½), A. Ball (44½), F. Harvie (43), B. Chiene (42), N. Shehadie (41½), R. Harris (41).

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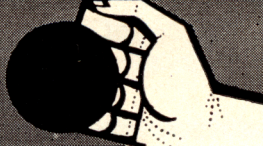
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JIM COMANS "KING OF C GRADE"

Most of the handball interest last month centred around the final of the "C" Grade final in which Jim Comans and Les Bear fought out a never-to-be-forgotten duel. After fluctuating fortunes during which the match could have gone either way at any time, Jim ran out the winner in a meritorious victory. Les was by no means disgraced by his defeat and proved himself a very worthy runner-up.

In other grades the "A's" have reached the semi-final stage with Bob Lipman to play George McGilvray and Ralph Davis to play Bruce Partridge. The "B's" have not progressed quite so far and there are still a few matches to be played before any of the finals can be scheduled.

Jim Comans commenced the New Year in great form by winning the "C" grade Championships after a thrilling battle with Les Bear. The scores 23/21, 19/21, 21/19, indicates the closeness and tenseness of this most thrilling "C" grade Championships final. This match will be remembered as one of fluctuating fortunes from the opening service. It was not a match which will be remembered for speed and big hitting. The match was a duel between two competitors out to do their very best to become "C GRADE HANDBALL CHAMPION" of Tattersall's Club. Indicative of the pride of their association to be a member of our club and to be recognised as a "champion" and a "sportsman." Well, Jim Comans gained that honor, and, I must say that we have never had a more gallant "Champion and Sportsman" as "C Grade Champion" before. Les Bear was a true loser and runner up of whom we are all very proud.

The match opened very cautiously each man feeling his way and using his intelligence with placements and cunning. Jim led throughout the first set but was very lucky to survive a determined effort by Les who drew level at 20 all. However, Jim won this set 23/21.

In the second set Les commenced more confidently than in the first set and gained a lead of four points very quickly. He maintained this lead comfortably until right near the finish when Jim made a late run and only good play and great determination enabled Les to last it out to win 21/19 making it "ONE SET ALL."

The deciding set was a great battle and a very grim affair. Both men concentrated on every shot.

The scores see-sawed all the time. First Jim led and then Les would fight back and regain the lost ground to gain a slight lead and so it went on. Towards the finish both players were exhausted, with Jim breaking through and going on to win the set 21/19 also the match and title. I am certain that those who watched enjoyed every moment. Congratulations to Jim Comans the new "C Grade Champ" and to Les Bear the very good runner up.

The Umpire was Arthur McCamley.

Whilst all this was going on the "A" graders and "B" graders have also been busy. The "A" Grade has reached the semi-final stage with Robert Lipman to play George

McGilvray and Ralph Davies to play Bruce Partridge. These matches are scheduled to be completed within the next 2 weeks and the final to be completed the following week. It should be a great tussle to reach the final.

The "B" graders still have a few matches to play. Ken Glass is back from his overseas trip and is ready to play Malcolm Fuller. As soon as this match is finalized we should complete the series inside a couple of weeks.

Peter Lindsay tells me that as soon as the competitions are completed he will arrange the Handball Club Dinner and presentation of prizes. If past affairs can be used as a guide it should be a very good night.

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"Windfall" Month for Section

Last month's operations were typified by a lot of action in the section and excellent roll-ups to all our regular events. Most interesting bowling was enjoyed by all those present at these occasions, and many of our members acquitted themselves admirably in their matches.

January was an eventful month in the Bowling Section, what with big attendances at our weekly roll up Trophy Games at Double Bay and outstanding performances by Tattersall's bowlers in their own local club events.

Man of the month title goes to Ken Williams, who with Russ Bailey won the the Club Pairs Championship final from two other Tattersall's bowlers, Alan Kippax and Bernie Larkin.

Jack Pick was also winner of the Club Pairs Handicap final of Double Bay, also a meritorious performance.

Charlie Cohen looked like being the bowler of the month with winning performances in our own club events on two occasions but was

paled into the background by the club members mentioned above.

Other good efforts were that of our members representing in No. 1 Pennants. Congratulations to Mel Watson in making Double Bay No. 1's.

Tattersall's now have Jack Kellaway, Bernie Larkin, Col Rose, Cedric Emanuel, Ken Ranger, Wal Simpson, Noel Hough, Mel Watson, Vic Richards all playing in Double Bay's 1st Sixteen. Alex Buckle, Jack Eaton, Frank Geddes also playing in No. 1's in their respective clubs.

D. Bay Pairs Championship to Tatt's Bowlers

Two keen and popular members of Tatt's Bowls Club, Russ Bailey and Ken (Flicka) Williams, who are

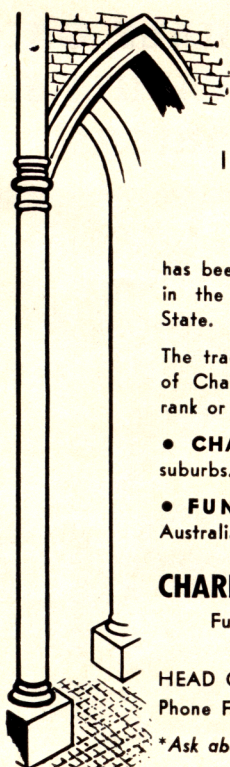
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also members of D.B. defeated a formidable A Pennant pair, Alan Kippax and Bernie Larkin in the final of the D.B. Club Pairs Championship.

Ken played splendidly throughout the competition and in the second last end of the final (when lying 7 down) he drew the perfect shot with his last bowl. The final scores were 21 to 13. Russ also maintained his excellent form right through, which confirmed the consistency he showed by recently winning, as well, the Minor Championship of D.B. Club. Congratulations, fellers, in winning these coveted titles . . .



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LES HOOKER

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the Hooker group of companies have now spread into the primary production field.

It owns its own finance company, with a capital of £3 million. It has a land trust firm established in all States, and Hooker Rex Investments has hotel and motel assets worth over £4 million. This is comprised of twelve hotels in the Sydney metropolitan area, and one in Canberra. £6½ million is allocated to new hotel and motel development at the present time, and a future plan is now established to build 40 more hotels throughout Australia at a cost of over £5 million.

So wide has the Hooker group of companies become in its operations that it now controls a record company, a textile and dye works, and even a salt works in South Australia.

And the man that controls this empire?

Les is a very approachable, easy-going, but, of necessity, dynamic personality. He believes in giving those who work for him a free hand to do the job.

He is a man of fairly simple tastes, despite the fortune he has amassed through his chain of companies. His home is a four-bedroom harbourside house in Mosman, where he lives with his wife, Delzie. Together they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last year.

They have three children, Annette, the eldest, who is a Qantas hostess, Ross, aged 22, who is a junior executive in one of the Hooker companies, and David, the youngest, who is presently completing a University course.

Les himself is an active man. He chops the wood for his own fireplace for winter morning exercise, swims most mornings in his own pool, has a speed boat which he uses frequently, and is a very keen skier.

Despite the tremendous pressure which the demands of his business place upon his time, Les still manages to give valuable service to the community as a Director of Sydney Hospital and a Committeeman for the Foundation of Research and Treatment of Alcoholism.

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TRACKS ARE FASTER

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Epsom Handicap in which he defeated Tarien and Carioca, and they also were top gallopers.

The best mile, down the years, was held by some of the greatest horses to have worn a bridle as the following names reveal: Amiable, Shannon, Wakeful, Whittier, Charles Stuart, Cetigne, Beauford, The Hawk, Amounis, Pavilion, Closing Time, Ajax, Sarcherie, and Peter Pan. Club members should have happy memories about some of those performers.

Incidentally the world's fastest mile 1.32s, is credited to Mopsus at Brighton, England, in June, 1939, which seem remarkable figures compared with America's best, 1.33-1/5s, by Swaps at Hollywood Park, California, in 1956. However, the Brighton track mostly is downhill and naturally can be regarded as particularly fast. There is a slight up-hill run over the final furlong to the judge's box but times would be very fast over the first part of a mile event on that course. Brighton's times are recorded electrically.

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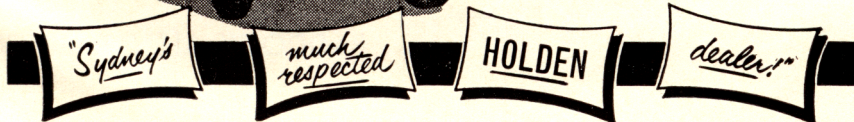
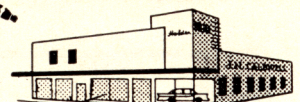
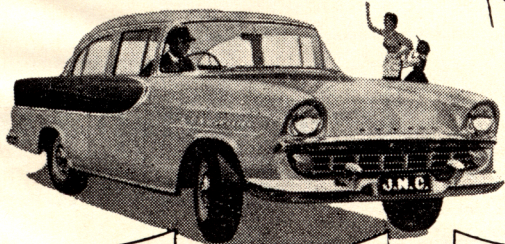
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